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North Carolina House Claim Strength.

CAROLINA MASONS' MEETING

Grand Lodge Will Begin Annual Meeting To-Morrow-Grand Master Busy Man.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH, N. C., January 7.—Less than a dozen of the members of the General Assembly to convene here Wednesday have arrived as yet. However, the four candidates for the speakership of the House of Representatives are on the scene, busily marshaling their forces as the Solons arrive. There are ninety-seven Democratic members of the House, whose yotes must be reckoned with in

seven Democratic members of the House, whose votes must be reckoned with in the race for Speaker, who will, of course, be named in the caucus of the Democratic members to be held Tuesday night.

Walter Murphy, representative from Rowan, who is one of the aspirants for the speakership, has been here since Friday, J. S. Manning, of Durham, another candidate, arrived last night, and W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte, came in one of the early morning trains, E. J. Justice, of Guilford, the fourth candidate, reached here about moon to-day. It is difficult to size up the situation. Each of the candidates manifest confidence. Murphy claims that he will go into the caucus with the largest pledged following, between forty and forty-five. He thinks Justice or Dowd will be his closest competitors in the number of votes on the first beits in the number of votes on the thinks Justice or Dowd will be his closest competitors in the number of votes on the first ballot. In fact Justice claims a larger pledged vote than Murphy, and both Dowd and Manuing are known to be strongly backed in the fights they are putting up. It is whispered that J. S. Manning may throw his strength to one or another, of the candidates, with the understanding that he be made chairman of the judiciary committee, probably the of the judiciary committee, probably the most desirable committee assignment of

Carolina Grand Lodge,

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Members of the North Carolina Grand
Lodge of Masons are arriving for the
annual meeting, which convenes tomorrow night, Grand Master, Francis
D. Winston, of Bertie, was one of the
first on the scene. He will have double
duties before the Grand Lodge adjourns,
as he will have, in addition to presiding

The Sutton carried a crew of six men
and was commanded by Captain Sole.

The vessel was of 622 gross tonnase.

organized in the State and charters restored to four which had ben suspended. The increase in membership has been 1,400. In eleven years the receipts of the Grand Lodge have increased from \$9,842 to \$16,835. This will be the 129th annual communication.

One of the most important matters to come up will be the report of the building committee for the \$12,000 grand lodge temple, to be erected here. This report will be to the effect that the committee is ready to begin the construction of the building March 1st, the plans being drawn by Charles McMillen, of Wilmington.

ton.

The Belfron Knitting Mill Company, of Weldon, was chartered to-day, with \$100,000 capital authorized, the incorporators being W. B. Tillery and others.

Another charter is for the High Point Hardwood Company, capital, \$10,000, by R. H. Maxwell, W. T. Hedgecoek, and others.

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The Roy Lumber Company, of Taylors-ville, capital, \$1,500, by J. P. Williams, yllie, capital, Vi-Jr., and others. The name of the Phoneharp Company, of Concord, is changed to The Home Education Company.

SELL COPPER MINES.

Valuable Property at Spencer Brings \$175,000.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SPENCER, N. C., January 7.—The prop-erty of the Union Copper Mine, at Gold erty of the Union Copper Mine, at Gold Hill, was sold at auction here to-day, following an order of the court placins the company in the hands of a receiver. The reverse was bid off by Mr. Guy W. Cox, of Boston, for one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. The company was cantialized eight years ago at three million dollars, and the property consists of one thousand acres of valuable mining property and a splendid place already in operation on a paying basis. C. H. Allen, of New York, is president and H. F. Wissum, of the same place, secretary and treasurer of the company.

SCHOONER HENRY SUTTON GIVEN UP FOR LOST

Prompt Action.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHESTERFIELD, VA., January 7.—
The Chesterfield supervisors to-day held a called meeting at the courthouse, for the purpose of confirming the action of A. A. Phaup, county superintendent of roads, in receiving from the State penitentiary twelve convicts, in addition to his original force, and employing them on the public road work; and also to provide for the security of the new men and authorize the purchase of extra teams for their use. The supervisors have for some time been arranging to increase their convict force, having had a second steel portable cage constructed recently for their confinement when unemployed. The cuse, however, is not yet available, owing to some delay in securing an iron truck on which to mount it, and Superintendent of the State penitoniary that a force of ten extra convicts could be furnished him at once, which, if not taken in charge promptly, could not be held for him, owing to the strong demand for convicts for public work. After consulting several county officials, Mr. Phaup took the prisoners in charge for the road work, and the board to-day commended his action, and arranged for the accommodation and equipment of the enlarged force.

Mr. Phaup reported to-day that board for his men and a moderate allowance of tobacco had been provided during the past year at a cost to the county of \$4.57 per man per month, clothing for the convicts being provided by the State. In view of the present scarcity and high price of unskilled labor, as well as the superior character of convict labor, the saving to the county by working convicts are being fed now at a cost of about per head. The board at its regular meeting on January 28th will consider the matter of still further enlarging its road-working forces for 1967. Howard Swine-ford, Esq., who is now sick at one of Richmond's hospituls, has been one of the most active citizens of the county in advocating good roads for Chesterfield, and in working for their betterment.

The county treasurer to-day offered for (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHESTERFIELD, VA., January 7.

Mrs. Stuart's Bereavement.

Mirs. Stuart's Dereavement.

Friends of Mrs. Henry C: Stuart sympathize with her in the death of her brother. Mr. Dale Carter, which occurred at Hot Sprinss, Ark., last Friday.

Mr. Carter was a Virginian, and his body will be brought to Smyth county

WIPE ALL DISGRACE FROM HIS FAIR NAME

Aged Soldier, Once Looked Upon as Deserter, Received Into Fulkerson Camp.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BRISTOL, VA., January 7.—For many years looked upon as having disgraced nimself as a deserter from the Confederate cause and added to his stigma as a bushwhacker, Bate Mullins, a feeble old soldier of Blountsville, this county, has had the impression of disgrace removed, and is now the soul of honor among his comrades of the Civil War. This came about through the action of the S. V. Fulkerson Camp of Confederate Veterans in this city. A thorough investigation of Mullins's character was made, with the result that he was completely exonerated. On Saturday he was received into membership by the Fulkerson Camp, which had ostracised him years ago. His return to the camp was and tears of rejoicing. There were but few dry eyes in the room when, surrounded by a group of his comrades of the war of the sixties, all tottering with ago, a badge of honor was pinned on the lapel of his coat. With tears in his eyes, he thanked the veterans, expressing himself as being glad to get backs to the hearts of brothers-in-arms, who had misjudged him these many years. bushwhacker, Bate Mullins, a feeble old

who had misjudged him these many years,
Mullins, now white with the frost of more than forty winters, added since the Civil War, and practically without anything in this world's goods, is nevertheless, by the action of the camp of his comrades, in a very precious sense the richest man in Dixis.

Murder of John Grubb, Makes a Full Confession.

BROWN WANTS WITNESSES

Says He Can Prove That He Was in West Virginia on Night of Murder.

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FARMYILLE, VA., January 7.—Another delay is occusioned in the trial of the alleged murderers of John Grubb. William Ruffin, alias Jesse Ruffin, having made a complete confession, implicating John Brown, alias George Brown, who was arrested and brought to Farmyille Saturday from Montgomery, W. Va., the Commonwealth's Attorney decided this morning to put Brown on trial first, and use Ruffin as a witness. When Brown was brought into court for arraignment he was without counsel, and informed the judge that he had witnesses in West Virginia. Judge Hundley required of the prisoner to state under oath what he expected to prove by these witnesses, and Brown replied that he would show that at the time of the murder of Mr. Grubb. on the night of June 5th last, he was at work in West Virginia. The mames and residences of these witnesses were taken, and the court ordered that they be telesraphed to. This was done, but up to a late hour this evening no reply had been received.

Judge Hundley stated that the witnesses desired by Brown were without his jurisdiction, and he could not, therefore, compel them to come to Frince Edward, but that he intended that the prisoner should have every chance allowable. He would send after the wituesses, and if they were the right sort of people and could testify in behalf of the prisoner they would come. He then adjourned court until Friday morning at 10 deleck, when the case of John Brown will be tried.

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Makes Full Confession.

Ruffin made confession this morning in his cell before Commonwealth's Attorney Watkins, the sheriff, several guards, two detectives and The Times-Dispatch correspondent. Previous to this he had told

prizing back an iron ber, and brought out the cash—between \$60 and \$70. They then set fire to the building and everythen set fire to the building and everything was totally consumed. His confession tallies with Massie Hill's except as to several points. Hill says that he stood on the railroad and watched with John Brown, while Ruffin and "Railroad Bill' committed the murder and robbery, Ruffin says that all four of them were present and took part in the murder, and that Hill fired the first shot. Another point



"BUSTER BROWN."

Four thousand boys are now in town; All here to see our "Buster Brown," Each one has heard the welcome news of "Buster" and "Blue Ribbon" Shoes,

When "Buster" and his Tige appeared when "Buster and his Tige appeared A thousand girls exclaimed, they feared That Tige his precious health would lose Because he were not "Blue Ribbon" Shoes,

Then "Buster" smiled and looked so sweet, And showed the crowd his little feet,

And hoped that they would not confuse The shoddy kind with "Blue Ribbon' Shoes.

Then Tige stood up and seemed to say,
"My friends, I'm present here to-day
To break to you this bit of news
That dogs, don't wear 'Blue Ribbon'
Shoos,"

But boys of every class and creed, And girls, too, who chance to need Will never once their health abuse Who wear the well-made "Blue Ribbon"

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